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National Chairman to Speak on “SCORE: Helping Entrepreneurs and Creating Jobs”

SCORE national chairman Ken Yancey will speak on “SCORE: Helping Entrepreneurs and Creating Jobs” at 11 a.m. Friday, June 20 at the West Chester Chamber Alliance Training and Education Center.

Yancey heads the nonprofit volunteer group manned by 10,500 retired executives and small business owners in 389 chapters across the United States. SCORE offers free counseling to fledgling small business owners and entrepreneurs.

He represents SCORE before Congress and serves as SCORE's chief liaison with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). He speaks nationally on the topics of entrepreneurship, nonprofit management, small business trends, and mentoring.

Yancey has appeared on MSNBC, CNN, CNBC, Fox, PBS and numerous national and regional radio programs. He has been interviewed by Susan Solovic of SBTV.com and Ken and Daria Dolans of Dolans.com on small business issues.

“Entrepreneurs and small business owners can learn from retired experts willing to mentor them for the sheer thrill of working with budding entrepreneurs as well as remaining active in the business community and helping create jobs,” said Bill Haman,

chairman of the Cincinnati Chapter 34. "SCORE counselors offer free, confidential counseling and our workshops provide an incredible value at a very low cost."

The Greater Cincinnati's Chapter 34, which covers southwest Ohio, northern Kentucky and southeast Indiana, boasts 70 volunteer counselors and provided 4,141 services through counseling and workshops, creating an estimated 400 to 500 jobs in 2007.

In April, 2008, the Cincinnati SCORE chapter was again named one of the nation's top chapters during the U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Week 2008 activities.

Ohio SCORE chapters are widely recognized for their successes. The Cincinnati SCORE Chapter 34 was named the top SCORE chapter in the nation in 2005, and was a national finalist in 2006 and 2007. The Dayton area Chapter 107 has over 35 members and was selected one of the top chapters in the nation in 2001. It was top national chapter of the year in 2002.

SCORE volunteers in major cities throughout the U.S. assisted and mentored 336,411 small businesses and helped create 19,732 small businesses in 2007 alone.

Since SCORE, an arm of the Small Business Administration, was formed in 1964, its counselors have assisted more than 7.9 million aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners through counseling and small business workshops.

Counseling sessions are free, and workshops are offered at affordable fees.

Successful, nationally-known companies which have used SCORE services include Vera Bradley Designs; Jelly Belly Candy Co.; and Task Masters.

To attend the June 20 meeting, contact Melinda Zemper at (513) 706-3737. For national information, access www.score.org. Local SCORE chapter information is at www.scoreworks.org.

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